

Introduced by Senator Denham

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An act to amend Section 63901 of the Food and Agricultural Code, relating to agriculture.

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SB 1417, as introduced, Denham. Agriculture.

Existing law provides that various agricultural and seafood industries are supported by commissions and councils mandated to enhance and preserve the economic interests of the state.

This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to these provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 63901 of the Food and Agricultural
- 2 Code is amended to read:
- 3 63901. The Legislature hereby finds and declares that the
- 4 agricultural and seafood industries are vitally important elements
- 5 of the state's economy and are supported by state established
- 6 commissions and councils specified in this division that are
- 7 mandated to enhance and preserve the economic interests of the
- 8 State of California and are intended to do all of the following:
- 9 (a) Implement public policy through their expressive conduct.
- 10 The programs conducted by these commissions and councils are
- 11 among the broad range of state-mandated regulatory programs
- 12 that are funded by the public through user fees assessed in

1 accordance with each person's relationship to a particular
2 program.

3 (b) Reflect a continuing commitment by the State of California
4 to its agricultural and seafood industries ~~that~~, *which* are integral
5 to its economy. These industries are a source of substantial
6 employment for the state's citizens, produce needed tax revenues
7 for the support of state and local government, encourage
8 responsible stewardship of valuable land and marine resources,
9 and produce substantial necessary food and fiber for the state,
10 nation, and world.

11 (c) Represent a policy of support for persons engaged in the
12 agricultural and seafood industries, which are critically important
13 elements of the state's economy. These commissions and
14 councils are particularly important for the continued success of
15 California's unique agricultural and seafood industries which
16 tend to be decentralized with many small entities operating in
17 diverse locations.

18 (d) Provide benefit to the entire industry and all of the people
19 of this state. The commissions and councils are not enacted, and
20 are not intended to produce measurable benefit, on an individual
21 basis, and their successes should be evaluated by analyzing the
22 extent to which they have improved the overall conditions for the
23 particular commodity subject to the commission's or council's
24 jurisdiction with resulting benefit to the overall economy of the
25 state.

26 (e) Enhance the image of California agricultural and seafood
27 products to increase the overall demand for these commodities.
28 In this fashion, the Legislature intends that the commissions and
29 councils operate primarily for the purpose of creating a more
30 receptive environment for the commodity and for the individual
31 efforts of those persons in the industry, and thereby compliment
32 individual, targeted, and specific activities.